Anythink Brighton receives Reaching In Award

THORNTON, Colo.–February 5, 2015–On Jan. 27, 2015, Anythink staff were presented with the Reaching In Award from School District 27J for their service to the Brighton community. The Reaching In Award is regularly issued to community members or organizations who make positive impacts on the students and staff of School District 27J, a system that serves more than 16,500 students in Brighton, Commerce City, Thornton and Aurora, and encompasses parts of Adams, Broomfield and Weld counties.

“Our school district’s instructional model is to educate children in a thinking classroom,” said School Board Vice President Roberta Thimming during the ceremony. “Teachers are asking deeper-level questions that inspire kids to think critically and ask questions, as well as learn facts. The Anythink system provides a place where our students can extend their thinking into their passion.”

The distinction, which also highlights the outreach work of Anythink in Motion, the district’s bookmobile, acknowledged the innovative programming, partnerships and interactive spaces that are at the heart of Anythink’s approach to participatory learning.

“Connecting with people and helping them pursue their passions is at the core of what we do,” says Anythink Public Services Director Ronnie Storey-Ewoldt. “It’s an honor to have School District 27J recognize the Anythink Brighton and Anythink in Motion staff for this work with students.”

The Studio at Anythink Brighton, the expansion of Explore Outdoors and Anythink’s collaboration with Food Bank of the Rockies were all recognized for their impact on Brighton students.

“We are honored to receive the Reaching In Award,” says Jackie Kuusinen, Anythink Brighton manager. “Our staff works hard every day to provide the best libraries possible for our communities. We believe in providing a safe space for youth, as well as striving to create spontaneous, experiential learning opportunities to help students in the Brighton community excel in every aspect of their lives.”
About Anythink™

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Rangeview Library District serves the residents of Adams County with seven Anythink libraries and Anythink in Motion – the district’s mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, go to anythinklibraries.org.

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